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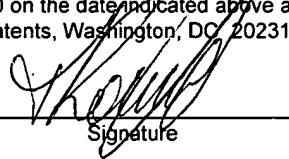
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POOLS AND BIOSYNTHESIS OF POLY- $\beta$ -  
HYDROXYBUTYRATE-CO-POLY- $\beta$ -  
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